

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Osamu OKUDA et al.

Serial No. NEW

: Attn: Application Branch

Filed February 19, 2002

: Attorney Docket No. 2002\_0260

COMPONENT MOUNTING APPARATUS  
(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional  
of Serial No. 09/515,498,  
Filed February 29, 2000)

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend  
the application as follows:**

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

**Kindly replace the original abstract with the enclosed substitute abstract.**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Between the Title and "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" insert the following  
continuing data information:

 This is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/515,498, filed February 29, 2000, which is a divisional application of 08/917,370, filed August 26, 1997, which is now abandoned.